

THE BULLETIN



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CALENDAR

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1973, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Twilight Jazz with Maurice — "Fats Waller Jr." and his New Dimensions in Jazz featuring Larry Richardson, bass; Clyde Lucas, drums; and introducing song stylist Mary Lynne.

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 5:30 to 8 p.m. — Reception in honor of Jimmy Kilgallen's 85th birthday. Tab \$5. For reservations call Mary Novick 581-8700. (See story on this page).

JAZZ SESSIONS ATTRACT ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCES

A record crowd of over 150 members and guests heard the newest sound in jazz when Onzy Matthews unveiled his 17-piece "New York Loonky Chonk" band at the Overseas Jazz Club's twilight jazz session Monday, Sept. 10. The enthusiastic audience was one of the largest in our new headquarters.

Hosting the affair was the Overseas Jazz Club's honorary president, Earl "Fatha" Hines, and Wilma Dobie, jazz chairman.

Maurice "Fats" Waller Jr., son of the legendary jazz pianist, will introduce his Trio and song stylist, Mary Lynne, at the next Overseas Jazz Club's twilight jazz session Tuesday, October 16, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The program will be held in the George Washington Ballroom.

On the twilight jazz program, Maurice will present two of his original compositions "Mary" and "City After Dark." Additionally, he will feature two of his father's jazz classics, "Honeysuckle Rose" and "Jitterbug Waltz."

Appearing with Waller will be Clyde Lucas, a veteran of Count Basie's band, on drums; and Larry Richardson, well known bassist with many outstanding bands, Mary Lynne is an exciting song stylist, new on the jazz scene, with impressive credits from the legitimate theatre and Broadway musicals such as, "South Pacific," "Oklahoma," "Kiss Me Kate," and "Carousel."

FREEDOM HOUSE CONSULTANTS SUGGEST GUIDELINES TO CORRECT "DEPLORABLE" GOVERNMENT-NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS

OPC TO TOAST KILGALLEN ON HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

Jimmy Kilgallen, who has been chasing news stories at home and abroad for the past 70 years, will slow down long enough on Wednesday, October 17, to be the OPC's Guest at his 85th birthday party, to be held in the George Washington Room.

Bob Considine, Jimmy's long-time colleague at Hearst Headline Service, will M.C. the party which is expected to attract a whole raft of Kilgallen's devoted admirers, including James A. Farley, William Randolph Hearst, Jr., Harry Hershfield and Jack Dempsey.

Jimmy got his first news job the year Henry Ford founded a motor company, the U.S. and Panama signed a treaty to dig a canal, the Wright brothers made the first successful airplane flight, and 602 people died in a fire at Chicago's Iroquois Theatre.

Jimmy didn't get to cover any one of those news events. Reason: he was working for the Daily Farmers & Drovers Journal, which covered only news about wheat and beef (So what's changed?). However, Jimmy has not missed many big stories since then.

The Halls-Mills case, the Lindbergh kidnapping, the Hauptmann execution, the Herrin prison massacre, Sam Insull's extradition from Istanbul (Jimmy chartered his own airplane for that one), World War II, the German surrender at Rheims, interviews with Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Peggy Hopkins Joyce, Tokyo Rose, Al Capone, the Duchess of Windsor.

All were front page stories, topped by a Kilgallen by-line. And, now, at 85, Jimmy is still covering out-of-town stories and writing Page One copy, at his desk in the Hearst offices.

Jimmy and Mae, his bride for 61 years, will be the club's guest of honor (Four Star rating) at the party. All OPC members are invited to join.

Sponsored by Freedom House, sixteen consultants from the journalism field and government conceived a series of guidelines to avoid the conflicts between the news media and the government.

The guidelines, published and distributed by Freedom House under the title "The News Media and the Government: Clash of Concentrated Power," describes the present relations as "deplorable," and notes that "there is too much power in government and too much power in the institutional press."

The guidelines state that the government should provide information about its activities "except in the narrow area of legitimate national security" which is defined as "certain information relating to this country's military strength and diplomatic processes." Because these phrases are vague "the government has the obligation to define through public debate what specifically must be kept secret."

In respect to the news media, the guide states: "The press properly asserts but does not necessarily fulfill the public right to know." It adds that journalism must sometimes be "an adversary to the center of power" but it is "vital" that "the adversary relationship not be antagonistic."

The report suggests additional specific guidelines for officials and journalists and includes dissenting or expanding views upon the conclusions of the group.

The co-chairmen of the consultants were Erwin D. Canham, editor-in-chief of the Christian Science Monitor and Roscoe Drummond, syndicated Washington columnist. Other members of the group were William Attwood, George Backer, Lawrence M. Baskir, William Beecher, Alexander M. Bicke, Leo Cherne, Harry D. Gideonse, Allan Jackson, John Lynch, Thomas Bl Ross, Whitney North Seymour, Leonard R. Sussman, Philip van Slyck, and Wallace Westfeldt.

GUEST EDITORIAL

By ANSEL E. TALBERT

A most important measure for the protection of all journalists on dangerous missions anywhere in the world has been put before the General Assembly of the United Nations. This has happened largely through the efforts of France — but apathetic public opinion in many other nations has allowed it to languish.

The immediate correction of this situation should have the active and positive support of every Overseas Press Club member anywhere. The Geneva Conventions of 1949 to be sure, theoretically guarantee the safety of war correspondents, a clearly defined category of journalists accredited to armed forces of various nations. But, during the unreal war in Viet Nam, accredited correspondents frequently have been executed at the moment of capture by the Viet Cong and North Viet Nameese forces, and a great many U.S. correspondents still are missing, and unaccounted for.

The French proposal goes far beyond simple protection of war correspondents. It would set up international machinery to protect those, who in the words of French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, "often serve by their objectivity unfortunate peoples," whose "fearless professional conscience has led them to an unfair death."

Roger Vaurs, a friend of many OPC members, and now the French Ambassador to Turkey, urged not long ago in a dramatic appearance before the U.N. General Assembly that "realistic" means be provided to journalists of all nations for their protection such as: (1) identification cards to be issued to all bona fide journalists of all nations, and (2) the establishment of new communications channels by which information — in the event of the capture or detention of correspondents — be sent about their fate immediately to their governments and their publications.

Surely this is something which deserves the support of every working journalist in the world. As Foreign Minister Schumann has said, "public opinion... alone can jolt people out of their apathy."

The Bulletin invites contributions to this column up to 250 words on any subject of vital interest to journalists. As these editorials express personal opinions and may be controversial, reactions are welcome.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

I note in your August 15th story on the Overseas Press Club of Puerto Rico the disclaimer that the Puerto Rico organization sounds like an OPC, and acts like an OPC, but isn't an OPC, at least not the real OPC. I feel compelled to comment on this possible plagiarism, since as one of the dirty dozen who founded the OPC of Puerto Rico, and the first president of said group, I am one of the few surviving witnesses to the episode.

We chose the name OPC, not only for its prestigious ring, but because practically all of us among the founders were, in fact, members at that time of the worldwide organization, based then, I believe, in a hotel lobby, or some other similarly suitable setting. We, on the other hand, were based in the living room of Joan Lane's garage apartment. We specifically considered the question of whether membership in the New York version of the OPC need be a pre-requisite for belonging to the Puerto Rico offshoot, and discarded the idea as unworkable. We could not, however, bring ourselves to discard the advantages of the name, so we did not.

I might add that none of this was done frivolously, although most of our deliberations were moved by spirit, so to speak. The fact is that we exchanged several letters with the headquarters mugwumps before proceeding, and a search of your files will, I am confident, reveal that we managed to side-step within the law most of the obstacles strewn in our way.

I would like to report that it does the soul good to have our duplicity discovered, even at this time and distance. But, like a Watergate burglar, I felt somehow better while we were still able to mistake ourselves for patriots.

James R. Whelan,
Managing Editor,
The Miami (Fla) News

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FOOD AND DRINKS CHARGED
BY MEMBERS. BECAUSE OF
THIS ARRANGEMENT, MEM-
BERS ARE URGED TO MEET
THEIR BILLS PROMPTLY.**

REGIONAL REPORTS

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia—Wednesday, August 15 dawned hot (90°F) and bright in Phnom Penh. It was the moment of truth—the day the American bombing in Cambodia stopped and the Khmer Rouge would or would not make their big push on the capital. They didn't. Those covering for American news media included Kenneth F. Engle, Daniel F. Gilmore, *Arthur Higbee*, Ted Marks and Toshio Sakai for UPI, *Peter Arnett*, George Esper, Horst Faas, Matt Franjola and Dennis Neeld for AP, Malcolm Browne and Sidney Schanberg for the New York Times, Tony Clifton and Ron Moreau for Newsweek, Barry Hillenbrand for Time, Tom Corpora, Phil Brady and Beth Becker for NBC, Haney Howell and Foster Davis for CBS, Neil Davis and Denis Cameron for ABC, Mike Nicholson, Marvin Farkas, Frank Price and Wally Burgess for UPITN, Larry Green for the Chicago Daily News, Jacques Leslie for the Los Angeles Times, David Greenway of the Washington Post, Daniel Southerland for the Christian Science Monitor, Don Kirk for the Chicago Tribune, and freelancers Lee Rudakewych and John Giannini.

Everyone on hand for the big day stuck around for a while longer. But when the insurgent push failed to materialize, most of the visiting press corps moved on. Those who stayed behind find life busy enough, occasionally dangerous and reasonably comfortable. Government leaders from Lon Nol on down have been taking turns giving press conferences to denounce Prince Sihanouk in French, with paragraph-by-paragraph translation into English by the debonair Major Chhang Song, a Louisiana State University alumnus who formerly was deputy spokesman for the high command and now edits the English-language "Khmer Republic" magazine, when he is not interpreting for high officials. Filing with the local telegraph office is a sometime thing. All copy has to be cleared by the censors. They are fairly easygoing, though they don't like to pass casualty figures concerning government troops. But they take an hour or two off for lunch, another hour or two for dinner, and of course the entire night from about 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.—so no copy can move during those hours. Colonel Am Rong still holds down the job of high command spokesman as he did from the beginning. His English is far more serviceable than it was in 1970 though he still prefers French. The remarkably

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In addition to our cozy lounge and bar, a spacious dining room (above) with excellent buffet and a la carte lunches and dinners are available to our members at the OPC headquarters (right). Lunch is served Monday through Friday from noon to 2 p.m. and dinners from 6 to 8 p.m.

REGIONAL REPORTS CONTINUED

named Am Rong still issues press communiques morning and night, holds briefings whenever there is big news, and sees correspondents who want to talk to him, one at a time, morning and night.

The American embassy used to give military briefings but stopped this sometime back, on grounds that the Khmer high command was stealing its thunder. Eight or 10 U.S. officers in fatigue uniforms still sally forth to the fighting front each day to see how the Khmer government forces are doing. This is perfectly legal. U.S. law forbids American advisors or ground troops in Cambodia, but not observers. These officers' findings are not imparted to the press corps here except as filtered by embassy officials who will see correspondents by appointment, but not on a daily-briefing basis. Khmer Government officials are accessible and fairly informative, though they offer few surprises.

Correspondents still ride the roads, though with care since the press casualties of past years (10 newsmen have been killed in Cambodia and 18 are missing). Even so, several newsmen including Englade, Franjola and Giannini were caught in a barrage 14 miles out on Highway 4 last week, spent nearly two hours taking cover in water-filled culverts and paddyfields, then crawled to safety through heavy fire.



Giannini got a shrapnel fragment in his back and stopped at Calmette hospital to have it looked after. But it was Sunday, nobody responsible could be found, so said the hell with it and walked out.

Name withheld by request

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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

HONORS: **David Horowitz**, NBC newsman, has been awarded Special Newsmen of the Year by the American Cancer Society of Los Angeles County. Based on a feature on Employment Discrimination to Cancer Patients, the broadcast was national. It also won special commendation from the American Cancer Society's national organization...**Harry Bruno**, post commander of the American Legion Service Post 501, was presented with the Frank M. Hawks Memorial Award "for his many contributions to aviation and aerospace and The American Legion," at the Hawks annual dinner in March...**Mary Hornaday** has accepted an invitation from the University of Wyoming to deposit her papers in its Archives of Contemporary History.

NEW LOOK: **Ruth Biemiller**, after 7 years of freelance writing, has joined Moneysworth as associate editor. Published by Ralph Ginzburg, the consumer-affairs, personal-finance publication is a fortnightly...**Edgar H. Miller, Jr.**, veteran AP newsman has been appointed chief of Caribbean services for the news cooperative at San Juan. Miller succeeds George Arfeld, who is resigning to take a position in London. Both newsmen worked together for AP in Brazil...**George Burns** was named vice-president-public relations of TWA, Sept. 12...**Joseph M. Guinn**, UPI Korea war correspondent and Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles for the last 12 years, has returned to journalism as Senior Editor of City News Service and Radio News West, both headquartered in Los Angeles...**Cecil Brown**, former president of OPC has accepted the appointment for 1973-74 as professor in Social Sciences and communication Arts at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif. He is also chairman of the University Media Board...**Leonard Saffir** was appointed campaign director recently for Senator John J. Marchi, the Republican candidate for Mayor of New York. Saffir, according to the New York Times, is "a skilled political professional who had helped Mr. Buckley win election three years ago as a third-party candidate," Saffir was former OPC treasurer...**Jim Catalano** announces his presidency of a new national public relations counseling firm, Lawler & Catalano, Inc., with offices in New York, Chicago and Milwaukee. Catalano was formerly a senior vice president and director of the publicity department of Hill and Knowlton, Inc., N.Y. address: 666 Fifth Ave. New dimension in services: corporate and financial relations...

Clark Kent now with Our Daily Planet, an environmental monthly, "the only environmental newspaper in the city," he says...

PUBLISHING EVENTS: **Rev. William B. Gray** and his wife, Betty, have an article, "East Africa is Turning to Christ" in the September Episcopalian. Together they are writing a book on the Episcopal Church for Seabury Press...**Richard Hanser's** book on Jesus for young people, "What Manner of Man Is This?" in second printing at Simon & Schuster...**Fredrick H. Sontag's** book, "Parties — the Real Opportunity for Effective Citizens' Politics" is out in paperback — Vintage-Random House. Sontag will be the senior correspondent at the Episcopal National convention in Louisville, Ky. Sept. 28-Oct. 11. He will be the chief commentator for the American Church Union News and also be broadcasting programs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS: **Judge N.F. Allman** celebrated his 80th birthday at his summer home in Greensboro, Vt., with various sons and daughters from Beirut, Lebanon, Paris and Chapqua, N.Y. **Matt Bassity** summer guest, supplied the fresh trout...**Adele Nathan** had a birthday, too. The Blackfoot Indians once made her a member and her name, Nash-Tu-A-Quen-A-Ma, means "Woman that spreads wisdom and peace."...

HITHER AND THITHER: **Morgan J. Vittengl** leaves in October for a three-month photo-story tour of Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia for Maryknoll Magazine...**De Witt Davidson** on assignment for the Travel Agent Magazine to Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and India (Bombay). Among other things, he will attend a "Housewarming" for the recently opened Hotel Ceylon Inter-Continental in Colombo and will visit

the "expanded" Taj Mahal Inter-Continental Hotel in Bombay. Another OPC member on the Bombay-Colombo trip will be **Myra Waldo**...**M.D. Morris** now commutes hither and thither to Ithaca to conduct a Communications Workshop in the Graduate School of Business and Public Administration, Cornell University. Morris has been teaching writing courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University...**Herb Silverman** covered the opening of the Dallas Fort Worth Airport for the Donnelley Travel Publications, thence to Denmark, Finland and Holland for a group of travel and fine art stories...

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